

## REMARKS

The new claims 16-21 were drafted to avoid the outstanding indefiniteness objections and to more clearly distinguish over the prior art.

Thus, new independent claims 16, 19 are directed to a message delivery system and method, in which a human-readable message is to be delivered by operation of a mobile terminal by a first person, to a second person remotely located from the first person and carrying a mobile pager.

More particularly, the terminal operated by the first person includes a reader for electro-optically reading machine-readable indicia, such as a bar code symbol, to generate message data corresponding to the human-readable message to be delivered. The terminal has a memory in which identification data which identifies the terminal is stored. The terminal also includes a wireless terminal transceiver for transmitting a data signal containing the message data and the identification data over a wireless medium.

The data signal is received by a wireless server transceiver associated with a server on a network. The server is operative to access a destination database on the network. The server transceiver transmits at a radio frequency to a destination retrieved from the database, a destination signal that contains a pager alert signal and a message signal corresponding to the message data.

The pager alert signal is received by a wireless pager receiver of the pager to alert the second person that the message is available. The message signal is also received and delivered to a display on the pager for viewing by the second person. The pager is tuned to the radio frequency of the destination signal.

The applied art does not disclose or suggest the invention as now claimed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,027,024 to Knowles discloses a system wherein a user operates a terminal to read bar code symbols decodable into an internet address, and to retrieve an internet page at that address for delivery back to the *same* user for viewing on a display of the terminal itself, or for viewing on a monitor of a computer operated by the user.

U.S. Patent No. 6,314,406 to O'Hagan discloses a system wherein a user operates a personal computer to print out paper coupons for later redemption at a retail store.

U.S. Patent No. 6,161,760 to Marrs discloses a system wherein multiple terminals are configurable in groups to communicate over a network.

None of these references teach the delivery of an alert signal and a message signal to a remote pager to deliver a human-readable message to the person carrying the pager. Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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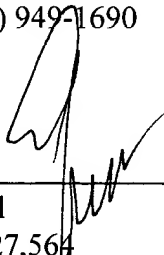
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